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BILL For Citizenship Renunciation

A bill which during wartime would permit United States citizens living in this country to renounce their citizenship by a formal written application was introduced in Congress by Rep. A. Leonard Allen of La. on Feb. 1.

The Attorney General has already spoken in favor of the bill and has indicated preference of this bill to any of the more sweeping legislations proposed for deportation and deprivation of citizenship.

At the present time no citizen can renounce U.S. citizenship unless he is living outside the United

WRA TRANSFERRED TO DEPT. OF INTERIOR; MYER TO STAY

The War Relocation Authority's existence as an independent agency ended yesterday, a year and eleven months after its creation, when it was transferred by presidential edict in its entirety to the department of interior under Secretary Harold L. Ickes.

States or its territories.

Rep. Allen's bill, introduced on Feb. 1, has been referred to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization. It adds a subsection to section 401 of the Nationality Act of 1940 with reference to the loss or renunciation

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A White House statement said that the transfer was made for "reasons of administrative simplification and to bring the work of the agency under a cabinet officer."

Interior department officials said that Dillon S. Myer would work under Ickes for the time being. A statement is expected from Myer shortly.

In announcing the transfer, the President stated that he considered the program of the War Relocation Authority sound in principle and the work already accomplished by the agency highly satisfactory.

After disturbances at Tule Lake in November of last year, the WRA and Myer have been under strong congressional fire. In the relocation centers evacuee opinion had consistently favored Myer's retention. Following a particularly heavy barrage of congressional criticism a few months ago, the Rivers' community councils sent Myer a full vote of confidence.

Secretary Ickes is best known in the centers as the cabinet officer who employed several nice evacuees from the Poston relocation center to work on his Maryland farm.

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FISTERA, CULLUM, WEBBER FORM RELOCATION TEAM

The relocation team coming next week is not coming to recruit evacuees for any job but to give factual, up-to-the-minute information on conditions and opportunities in different areas, stated Oscar Buttodahl, contact man for the team.

They are also interested in the views of the residents in regards to various relocation problems to aid the WRA in formulating future policies, he said.

During the general meetings to be held by the team there will be a showing of the sound and color film, "The Way Ahead," a pictorial account of relocated evacuees at work, at play, at home, and in social life.

Several former residents of Rivers are in the movie, said Buttodahl.

The Relocation Planning Commission is making all arrangements for a schedule of general meetings and interviews. Members of the team will be avail-

able for personal interviews every afternoon.

Harold S. Fistera, relocation supervisor of the Cleveland area; Robert Cullum, WRA officer of the New York area, and Dr. P. A. Webber, WRA officer of the Salt Lake City area, comprise the team which is expected here Sunday. The meetings will start in Butte Monday continuing through Wednesday and end in Canal on Thursday and Friday.

Of particular interest to the issei will be Dr. P. A. Webber who will give his talk in Japanese. Dr. Webber speaks flawless

Japanese, and has made a hit with the issei in all the centers he has visited so far.

MP COMPANY CHANGED

The military police company which was stationed here under Capt. G. A. Morso was replaced Monday by a completely new outfit, the 376th Company under Capt. Wm. E. McKechmie, Project Director Leroy H. Bennett announced yesterday.

The military police are assigned to patrol the

boundaries of the center.

Bennett also stated that he will leave for Washington, D. C. about March 2 to attend a Project Directors' conference to be held there beginning March 6. He will be gone for about 10 days, and Ben F. Runyan will act as Project Director in Bennett's absence.